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Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974, 32/162 of 19 December 1977, 34/115 of 14 December 1979, 56/205 and 56/206 of 21 December 2001 and 57/275 of 20 December 2002,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2002/38 of 26 July 2002 and 2003/62 of 25 July 2003,

Recalling the Habitat Agenda[1] and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[2]

Recalling also the goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[3] of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020, as proposed in the Cities Without Slums initiative, and to halve by 2015 the proportion of people who are unable to reach or afford safe drinking water,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] Resolution S-25/2, annex.

[3] See resolution 55/2.

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Taking into account the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] as well as the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,[6]

Recognizing the urgent need for increased and predictable financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to ensure timely and effective implementation of the Habitat Agenda, the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and the relevant development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Johannesburg Declaration and Plan of Implementation,

Reiterating the call to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to strengthen the Foundation in order to achieve its primary operative objective of supporting the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, including supporting shelter, related infrastructure-development programmes and housing-finance institutions and mechanisms, particularly in developing countries,

Recalling the decision of the Commission on Sustainable Development to address the themes of water, sanitation and human settlements in its next review and policy sessions,[7]

Noting the efforts by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to forge partnerships with Habitat Agenda partners, other United Nations funds and programmes and with international financial institutions, such as the World Bank,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on the work of its nineteenth session[8] and the report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat);[9]

2. *Calls upon* Governments to integrate sustainable human settlements into their national development strategies;

3. *Urges* Governments to promote pro-poor investments in water and sanitation in order to improve living environments, in particular in slums and informal settlements;

4. *Encourages* Governments to establish national urban observatories and to provide financial and substantive support to UN-Habitat for the further development of methodologies for data collection and dissemination;

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[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[6] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[7] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 9* (E/2003/29).

[8] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/58/8).

[9] A/58/178.

5. *Calls upon* the international community and donor countries to support the efforts of developing countries towards achieving the targets and goals on sustainable human settlements through providing assistance in financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building;

6. *Encourages* UN-Habitat to continue to promote partnerships with local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners in order to empower them, within the legal framework and conditions of each country, to play a more effective role in the provision of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world;

7. *Also encourages* UN-Habitat to continue to work closely with other relevant agencies within the United Nations system, including the United Nations Environment Programme;

8. *Urges* UN-Habitat to strengthen further its efforts to make the Cities Alliance initiative an effective means for the implementation of the twin goals of the Habitat Agenda, namely, adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world;

9. *Takes note* with appreciation of the efforts by the Cities Alliance partnership between the World Bank and UN-Habitat, and other donor countries, to continue to provide an important forum for policy coordination and development, as well as to provide support for the preparation of pro-poor city development strategies and slum upgrading programmes within the legal framework and conditions of each country;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate the Cities Without Slums initiative in his report for the 2005 review of the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

11. *Welcomes* the fund-raising efforts of the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, which realized an increase in the general purpose contributions of the Foundation for the year 2003;

12. *Welcomes also* the establishment by the Executive Director of UN-Habitat of a Water and Sanitation Trust Fund as a financing mechanism to support the creation of enabling environments for pro-poor investment in water and sanitation in developing country cities;

13. *Calls* for continued financial support to UN-Habitat and its Foundation, including the Water and Sanitation Trust Fund, and invites Governments to increase unearmarked voluntary contributions to the Foundation and to provide multi-year funding to support programme implementation;

14. *Calls upon* UN-Habitat to work closely with the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in the preparation for the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development to ensure fruitful discussion on the thematic cluster of issues on water, sanitation and human settlements;

15. *Encourages* Governments to participate at the appropriate level with representatives from relevant departments and agencies in water, sanitation and human settlements in the next review and policy sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

16. *Requests* donor countries to support experts in water, sanitation and human settlements from developing countries to participate in the next review and policy sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

17. *Invites* donor countries to contribute to the travel and participation of representatives of the developing countries in the second and future sessions of the World Urban Forum;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that modern conference management and documentation services, systems and technology are made available to the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to the UN-Habitat and the other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled "Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)".